

connect corridor modules 2 to cabin modules 1. The open access chamber 23 of the housing 22 allows the fixing arrangement 21 to be easily inserted or removed.

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

**For the sake of clarity, Applicant uses the same claim numbers as the Examiner.**

**Please cancel claims 37-42 without prejudice to their consideration in a continuing application.**

**Please amend claims 22 through 36 as follows:**

22. (Once Amended) A modular building structure comprising: a service module defining a plurality of connection openings, a plurality of building modules each having a first end with an opening, said first end of each building module being connected to the service module at a respective connection opening such that the opening of the building module is in communication with the connection opening of the service module, the service module containing apparatus for the supply and distribution of at least one mains service to the building modules, each building module being free-standing, and being connected to said supply of at least one mains service, wherein the service module is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules.

23. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein each module is an open-ended box configuration.

30. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein the mains service supply is air conditioning and each service module is fitted with a heat exchanger and has an external pump for evacuation of warm air.

31. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 30, wherein each building module also has its own heat exchanger that is connected to the pump and heat exchanger of an adjacent service module.

32. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein each adjoining pair of building modules or service modules has apparatus for connecting adjacent modules, the apparatus comprising a housing defining apertures that extend into the structure of each module and a flexible resilient insert that is snugly received in each aperture and bridges the two modules, the insert being supported on a fixing element that is secured to each of the modules.

33. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, comprising multiple storeys, vertically adjacent modules being connected by a connecting member comprising a resilient flexible insert attached to one module and received in an aperture of the vertically adjacent module.

34. (Once Amended) A modular building structure according to claim 22, wherein the modules are connected.

35. (Once Amended) A method for constructing a modular building structure, the method comprising; preparing a site on which the building structure is to be located; installing a service module on the prepared site, the service module defining a plurality of connection openings each for connection to a respective separate building modules; each building module having a first end with an opening therein; installing at least one mains supply service to the service module; connecting at least one pre-constructed building module to the service module at a connection opening therein such that the connection opening is in communication with said opening in said first end; connecting the building module to the mains supply service of the service module; and furnishing the service module such that it is in the form of a corridor walkway linking the building modules.

36. (Once Amended) A method according to claim 38, comprising further steps of filling a clearance between the module and ground.

**Please enter new claims 43-48 as follows:**

B1 --43. (New) A modular building structure comprising: first and second adjacent building modules, each with apertures that extend into the structure of the building modules, a first fixing member attached to said first building module and extending into its aperture and a second fixing member attached to said second building module and extending into its aperture, and a flexible resilient insert interconnecting said fixing members and bridging the building modules.